Export trade during the years 1110 and 1111.

65. *MR. M. L. JANARDANAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the total volume of our export trade during the years 1110 and 1111 ;

(i) with British India ;

(ii) with European countries ; and

(*b*) the details of commodities exported to Europe with values thereof ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) :

		1110.	*1111.*
(*a*)	(i)	Rs. 6,96,98,767	Rs. 6,54,66,235.
	(ii)	Rs. 80,99,588	Rs. 98,30,807.

(*b*) A*statement is laid on the table.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : With reference to part (*b*) of the question and the appendix given, may I know why there is such a big fall in regard to the pepper exported in 1111 ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : The price of pepper in European markets fell.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN : What is the present tariff value of pepper ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Pepper has no tariff value ; it has only a specific duty of 10 as. per candy.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN : When was such duty instituted ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Six or seven years ago.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN : What was the price of pepper then ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : It was about Rs. 300 per candy.

MR. K. C KARUNAKARAN : What is the price now ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : In the neighbourhood of Rs. 100 per candy.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN : May I know on what principle this duty was fixed ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : The price has been fluctuating ; but the Government have not yet thought of revising the duty.

Income from export duties.

66. * MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what amount they have realised last year as income from export duties on :

(i) copra ;

(ii) coir ; and

(*b*) what approximately will be the annual expenditure incurred by the Government for the collection of these duties ?

* *Vide* Appendix I, Page 261.

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : (*a*) (i) Copra Bh. Rs. 1,50,528.
(ii) Coir Bh. Rs. 3,48,215.

(*b*) Information regarding expenditure incurred by the Government on the collection of duties on the above articles alone is not possible to furnish.

Bridge on the Nedumangad—Shorlacode road.

67. *MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the inconvenience to the public due to the collapse of the bridge at the 6th mile stone on the Nedumangad Shorlacode road during the floods in 1108 which is left unrepaired up to this ; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken to restore the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes. The bridge was damaged during the heavy rains of Kanni 1109.

(*b*) An estimate has been sanctioned for the work which is awaiting execution for want of funds.

The Traffic Committee.

68. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the Traffic Committee was appointed ; and

(*b*) the recommendations, if any, made to Government by the Committee up to 31st Mithunam 1112, with the particulars of each ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) 26-10-1936.

(*b*) The Committee has recommended that the Trivandrum Nagercoil bus route be taken over and operated by Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Has any period been fixed, in the communique appointing the Committee, for the submission of the report ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I do not think so.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : How many sittings were held up to the end of Mithunam 1112 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Six meetings were held, and papers were also circulated.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether all these six meetings were for this purpose ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Absolutely.

MR. PULIYOOR T P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the reasons which weighed with the Government for not appointing a single non-official to serve on this Committee ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT . Government appointed a Committee which they thought would carry out the purpose best.

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